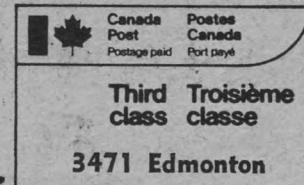
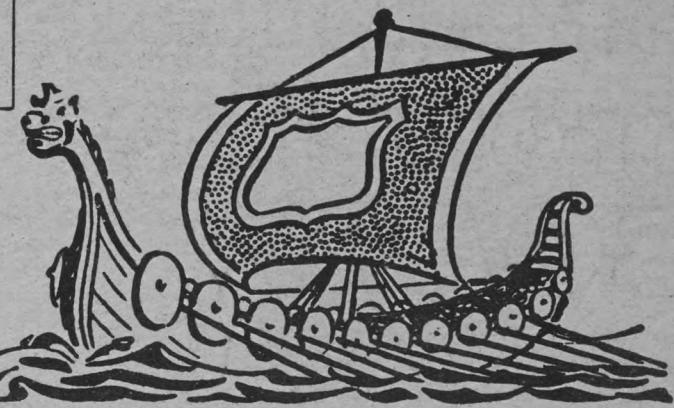


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Stan Boreson returns for Scandapades '78

February 2, 3 and 4

New Year's party not far off

Another gala New Year's Eve Ball will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on December 31st this year.

A delicious smorgasbord will be served from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; dancing will start at 9:00 p.m. to the music of Al Brault's orchestra.

Tickets are \$17.50 per person and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. The number of tickets is limited and must be picked up by December 21st!

So get on our bandwagon and join your friends at the Centre on New Year's Eve for an evening of fun.

Tickets are available from:

Scandinavian Centre 453-5145
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Gladys Clark 455-5371

Santa Lucia Festival

On December 13th most Swedes get up at an unearthly hour to celebrate the Lucia Festival. This colourful pageantry traditionally ushers in the long and festive Christmas season in Sweden.

In the homes, parents are awakened, or at least they pretend to be, by a procession of children entering the room slowly while singing the moving Santa Lucia song. They are led by Lucia, usually a young blonde girl attired in a long flowing white gown, wearing a crown with lighted candles. She is attended by a procession of young maids and pages, all dressed in white and carrying candles. The ceremony ends with the serving of coffee and "lussekatter", saffron buns specially baked for the occasion. This ceremony is later repeated in many offices, factories, hospitals, schools, etc. Many communities also select a Lucia Queen. She is the feature of a parade in the evening, culminating in a big celebration with singing and dancing.



by Gary Johnson

Stan Boreson is coming to town! The star of Scandapades '76 will be in town for four fun-filled performances at the Scandinavian Centre on February 2, 3 and 4.

If there is enough interest, a Saturday matinee will be presented this year especially for senior citizens and students. A lunch will be served, and tickets will be only \$2.50 each.

There will be dinner-theatre performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, with a dance following the Friday and Saturday shows.

Stan Boreson is no stranger to the world of entertainment. He's been performing since 1949 and he's still going strong! Stan was born in Everett, Washington of Norwegian parents. His "Scandihoovian" touch has made him a hit throughout the northwestern United States and Canada.

Stan began doing Scandinavian dialect songs on a dare, translating American songs into Norwegian and Swedish. They proved so successful that he began recording them. Stan currently has seven albums on the market, as well as several singles. For 18 years he hosted his own television show from Seattle, and in 1959 he won the national 'Children's Entertainment Award' sponsored by the Dell Publishing Company. Stan lives in Seattle with his wife, Barbara, and two children, Biff and Ann.

Stan is excited about returning to Edmonton and to Scandapades, and the Scandinavian Centre is excited about having him.

Tickets are now available, so don't wait! Only 250 tickets will be sold for each evening, so pick yours up soon.

Each evening begins with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., supper at 6:30 p.m., and the show follows at 8:00 p.m.

If the Saturday matinee is held, it will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the Centre will be providing free transportation for senior citizens who require it, as well as for handicapped members.



Suomi Society's Jubilee Scholarship

In honour of its 50th anniversary in 1977, the Suomi Society has decided to grant a scholarship for study in Finland to a student or college graduate who is a descendant of Finnish emigrants, living abroad.

In order to apply, specific application forms are used. These are available from Suomi Society (Suomi-Seura r.y.), Mariankatu 8, 00170 Helsinki 17, Finland.

The Suomi Society Scholarship will cover travel to and from Finland, and a grant of approximately 1,000 (one thousand) Finnish marks per month for 9 months, meant for the academic year of 1978-79. This amount will certainly not be enough to cover all expenses of living and studying in Finland. Additional means are therefore

needed. You cannot count on earning extra money by working. It is very difficult to get jobs, and very difficult to get work permits.

The scholarship is meant for "advanced students" or college or university graduates. The field of study is not defined by the Society.

It will be the applicant's own responsibility to both apply to the institution where he/she wants to study or do research and to find a place to

work, and to find a place to live, as the Society is not able to provide lodgings for the student.

Applications and letters of recommendation must reach the Society by December 31, 1977.



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TO ALL OUR SHAREHOLDERS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SPLINTERS from the BOARD

Administration

We are just about back to normal!

The Viking Room was completed on October 21st and the kitchen was finished to the point of being useable, (including the new dishwasher) on November 13th, just in time for the great fund-raising evening held by Club Viking. It is the old "ill wind that blows no good" story: the Viking Room is warm and charming in its new decor, and the floor is once again gleaming. The stove in the kitchen is now equipped with the type of hood required by the City regulations and contains an automatic fire extinguisher. The old grey tile floor has been replaced with shining white sheet corlon, and the walk-in cooler is now graced with easy-to-clean stainless-steel shelving. The new paint has made everything fresh and clean.

New Assistant Manager

Brian Georgson has been appointed Assistant Manager as of November 17th. He spent some years in food operation management and is also a qualified cook; Brian is of Danish descent. We know he will be a real asset to the Centre and are pleased to have him with us.

Still no word on Borge Velling's date of arrival.

Development

The Board has appointed the following committee to bring recommendations to your Board with regard to the sale of our present property and the purchase of land upon which to rebuild:

Bill Peterson
Eric Lefsrud
Tom Hansen
Mirja Tommilla

Doug Peterson
Gary Johnson
Per Nielsen
Eileen Peterson

A meeting of this committee was held on November 15th and a plan of action formulated.

Fund-Raising

We can now report that, thanks to our shareholders, our lottery netted us over \$10,000. A large percentage of our shareholders supported us by either selling tickets or making a direct donation — and a number did both! The Board sincerely appreciates the help they received with this campaign.

Steini Jonsson did the lion's share on this lottery, making many trips to find a suitable lot, arranging to purchase it, having tickets printed and distributed, and keeping records. The Board is also grateful to Edith Peterson who spent so many hours recording our shareholder mail-out.

It has come to our attention that some of our shareholders misinterpreted the reminder cards which we mailed out. We were limited to four lines by our Addressograph plate, and thought our brief message was clear, but we apologize to anyone who did not understand that it was merely a reminder that the stubs of sold tickets and the money for them had to be in by a certain date to assure that they would be included in the draw after being tabulated. There were also one or two errors made, and we apologize to any shareholder who received a reminder and had already returned his or her tickets.

Scandapades '78

Once again we will be using the dinner theatre concept and holding Scandapades at the Centre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 2, 3 and 4. If there is enough demand, a Saturday afternoon matinee for senior citizens, handicapped members and students age 12-16 years; please see the article and form in this paper.

Scandinavian food will be featured, and on Friday and Saturday nights a dance will follow the performance. Stan Boreson is flying in as our guest star, and this year promises to be an exciting one. It would be advisable to get your tickets early, since we can seat only 250 people on each evening.

New Years

Another grand affair is planned by Club Viking for New Year's Eve. Tickets will be \$35.00 a couple and are limited to 276. Al Brault's Orchestra will play, and the festivities start with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are "first-come-first-served", so pick yours up and don't be disappointed.



Gladys Clark



Steini Jonsson
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When meals are made by a group and require the use of the kitchen, there will be a 50 cents per person surcharge. In such a case, however, the ethnic group does not have exclusive use of the kitchen.

Corkage will be charged in all cases where tickets are sold at a rate of 80 cents per person (10 cents below commercial rate).

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Win-A-Lot Night a winner

Vera Curl wins lake lot

Cocktails and a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres (deep fried shrimp, baked salmon, smoked salmon, smoked oysters, clams, mussels, cheeses....) in the Nordic Room were the prelude to the first fund-raising evening held at the Scandinavian Centre.

The smorgasbord dinner consisted of mouth-watering crown roast of pork, sweet brown potatoes, white potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, fresh glazed carrots, asparagus, red cabbage, baked salmon, cold ham and turkey, crisp salads, and all the trimmings. Dessert was a tasty rum cake generously topped with whipped cream, and each couple shared a bottle of wine with their meal.

Queen Crowned

Immediately after dinner the suspense for the four lovely candidates for Scandinavian Centre Queen was ended when the envelopes were opened: reigning Queen, Marian Arnason, crowned the winner, Marlene Thorlakson, representing the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, who will represent the Scandinavian Centre for the coming year. Cynthia Berg, representing Sons of Norway, was the runner up.

The girls were presented with cheques by Scandinavian Centre Treasurer, Doug Peterson.

Door Prizes

The first exciting draw of the evening was for the four door prizes: Bob Johns of Sherwood Park held the winning number for the major prize — a beautiful Litton-Moffat Microwave Oven purchased with the generous donations received. The bottle of Apricot Brandy donated by McGuinness Distillery was won by Helmut Florschuetz, also of Sherwood Park. A bottle of Finlandia Vodka, donated by Acadian Imports, was claimed by J. Christopher Gay of Edmonton, and two tickets to the next home game of the Edmonton Oilers, donated by Wheel-A-

A Bridge

Putting a bridge across the Great Danish Belt, a stretch of water almost 20 km wide which separates the islands of Funen and Zealand, has been discussed in Denmark for over a century. The idea first gained substance in 1966 when a competition for bridge designs was held and a winning project announced.

The appointment of a project manager from the start of 1977 gave hope that the bridge would move from the blackboard to construction, now that 11 years had passed since the winning project was made public. But another delay has been ordered. The bridge plans run counter to environmental protection legislation implemented since 1966, and until the necessary changes have been made in plans, con-



FOUR LOVELY QUEEN CANDIDATES
From left to right: Cynthia Berg, Marlene Thorlakson, Karen Jacobsen, Susan Kankkunen

Way Ltd., was won by J. Christianson of Edmonton.

Kay Gleed Vocalist

Al Breault's Orchestra provided the excellent music for the evening's dancing, and well-known Edmonton singer, Kay Gleed, who was present as a guest, graciously became the vocalist, adding a great deal of pleasure for those present.

Auction

Thirty-one donated articles were auctioned at intervals by another guest — volunteer auctioneer, Harv Haugen — while his wife, Betty, kept a record of the transactions. Harv did a tremendous job and raised a total of \$1,282.50!

Lake Lot Draw

The climax came at five minutes before midnight when the large red drum containing the stubs of all the tickets sold on the Scandinavian Centre Lake Lot Raffle was set in motion, and our new Scandinavian Centre Queen, Marlene Thorlakson, drew the winning tickets.

The winners were

Lake Lot at Edmonton Beach or \$6,000.00 cash—
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Victoria, B.C.
\$1,000.00 cash—
Mrs. Hilma Harrison
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\$500.00 cash—
Mrs. L. Melander
Millet

The first two ladies are shareholders in the Centre and had bought their own tickets; Mrs.

Curl therefore also received the seller's prize of \$125, and Mrs. Harrison the seller's prize of \$50.00. The third winning ticket was sold by Mrs. Margaret Tettault of Wetaskiwin, and she received the remaining seller's prize of \$25.00. Congratulations to all of them.

A superb buffet luncheon was served immediately after the draw, and dancing continued until 1:00 a.m.

Warmest Thanks

To those who prepared the food for the evening — Gunhild Fransen, Sandra Nielsen and Lena Jensen; and to those who helped during the day, Lili Nielsen and Per Nielsen; to Brian and Clara Georgson, who came as guests and spent the first part of the evening helping; to all those businessmen who generously donated either money or merchandise; to Anders Anderson who spent so much time gathering donations and who sold a great many lottery tickets; to Roy Sundby who drove around picking up a good deal of the donated merchandise; to Harv Haugen who spent his evening acting as auctioneer, and to Betty Haugen, his wife, who recorded all the transactions; to all those people who attended Win-A-Lot Night; and to all those shareholders who sold tickets on the Lake Lot Lottery — the Club Viking and the Scandinavian Centre extend their warmest thanks and sincere gratitude.



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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Astrid Hope

Christmas Party

The Sons of Norway Christmas Party will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on Sunday, December 4th, starting at 3:00 o'clock.

Bea Huser is arranging a novel program called "A Canadian Christmas Mosaic", featuring Norway's part in Canadian Christmases, along with contributions from other lands.

The Cultural Director, Astrid Hope, and her assistant, Dorothy Sundby, are carrying the mosaic theme into decorations and food. Come and bring your favourite traditional dish and Christmas baking for a real Canadian smorgasbord pot-luck supper. We are hoping for a big variety — foods originating from many homelands.

Mark your calendar and bring your children and grandchildren. Santa will be there with treats for them.

Norwegian Carols

Another date to mark is Thursday, December 15th — 6:45 p.m. Come to Bonnie Doon Shopping Mall to listen to all



those special Norwegian carols performed by your special Sons of Norway musicians. We are planning to have children participate also.

Scandapades '78

Another very important event to mark on next year's calendar is the next production of Scandapades which will take place February 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Keep watching for further developments and reserve your seat for that occasion. Solli Sigurdson will again be the producer, with Astrid Hope co-ordinating for the Norwegian group. Any hidden talent ready to come forth? Or any good suggestions?

General Meeting

At the general meeting on October 26th six new members were initiated.

Following the meeting the



Harry Huser
and his Hardanger Fiddle

Whist follows General Meeting

by Bob Burt

Sons of Norway's monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17th.

Following a short business meeting the members settled down to court whist. The prize-winners included:

Ladies—

Ruth Logan
Astrid Hope

Men—

Bob Burt
Inge Anderson

A delightful Norwegian luncheon was hosted by Win and Fred Nielsen and Reidun Berg.



by Anne Sahuri

A surprise housewarming party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Jaakko Thurlin. The house was full of guests as everyone wanted to extend good wishes to Anneli and Jaakko in their new home. Millard Blackburn, along with Connie-Anne Erkvaara presented the gift on behalf of all. Best wishes to you, the whole family, in your new home.

This year's bursary was awarded to Ben Karvonen who is presently in his first year of university at the U of A in Edmonton.

Many thanks to lovely Susan Kankkunen who represented the Finnish Society in the recent annual Scandinavian Centre Queen contest.

Thank you to the Finnish Society for the lovely flowers, and thank you to all my friends who visited me during

my recent stay in hospital.
— Mary Karvonen

The Finnish Society's Christmas Party and Dance will be held on December 3, 1977 at the Scandinavian Centre — Nordic Room. A good orchestra will be playing. See the notice mailed separately for other details.

The children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11, 1977, also in the Nordic Room. Program consists of children's own singing, playing and what have you. (Details as above.)

A general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on December 14, 1977 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kuusela, 11608 - 139 Street, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.



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Back Row, Standing: Son, Curtis; great grand-daughter, Sheila; and grandson, Gerald

All four generations are active in Ronning Lodge, Sons of Norway, in Camrose

Hard Time Dance

by Bob Burt

The Sons of Norway Hard-Time Dance and Costume Ball was held on November 19th at the Scandinavian Centre.

A good crowd attended, and all those who were there enjoyed Helge Erickson's orchestra — the wide variety of music played was for family entertainment.

Name tags were handed out to everyone who attended.

Prizes were given for the best dressed lady and man. George Stewart and Carol Anderson were the winners. Then there was the family prize, won by Doug and Gail Peterson and family Jeff and Glenna. Runner-up was the Inge Anderson

family.

The Junior Lodge members were present, circulating to sell tickets on the pewter knife. At midnight the draw was made by Cynthia Berg, Sons of Norway Queen. Brian Anderson was the winner.

A fine supper was set out at midnight that all might enjoy. After such a dance a little nourishment was welcome.

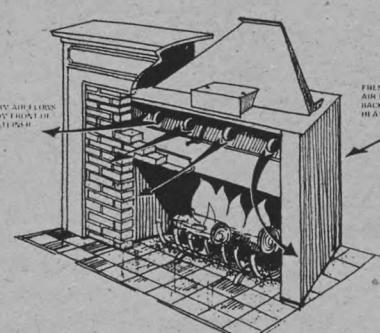
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New Year's Eve will be sponsored this year by the Club Viking.

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Cynthia Berg Runner-Up

Marlene Thorlakson new Scandinavian Centre Queen

On Thursday, November 10, the Scandinavian Centre Queen Contest was held in the Nordic Room. Per Nielsen, President of the Centre, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He welcomed everyone present and introduced both the Contestants and the Judges.

Wine and Cheese During Judging

Guests enjoyed the wines and cheeses while the three judges interviewed the four girls individually at the far end of the room.

Criteria for judging — appearance, poise, speech (diction and vocabulary), knowledge of both Canada and the country each represented, and plans and hopes for the future. That portion of the competition being completed, the judges took a break during which they filled out forms and socialized.

Talent Demonstrated

The performances of the four

UNIQUE TRAVEL BARGAIN is a 300-meter boat ride at Toreboda in Sweden. It crosses the famed Gota Canal and costs only 1 cent — the same price as when the connection was started 50 years ago! If you bring your bicycle along, the price goes up to 2 cents. It is an example of Swedish manpower as the 'captain' pulls the boat back and forth by a rope.

THE RACE FOR LIGHT, which will be held at Beitostolen in Norway on April 15, 1978, is a unique skiing competition for blind persons, sponsored by welfare organizations and the press. It is an annual event, intended to emphasize that handicapped persons also have courage and guts.

WORLD SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS will take place February 25-26 at Ullevi Stadium, Gothenburg, Sweden. Thanks to the newly inaugurated Landvetter airport, Gothenburg is easily reached through direct flights.

girls were enjoyed by the audience.

Cynthia Berg, representing Sons of Norway, made a short speech and in addition entertained with a piano selection, "Robin's Return" by Leander Fisher.

Marlene Thorlakson, from the Icelandic Society, with her foot in a cast hobbled to the stage to display and explain a variety of handicrafts, including a knitted little girl's dress and knitted sweaters, macrame and ceramics (for some of which she later received orders).

Susan Kankkunen from the Finnish Society played 'Kulkurin Valsi' (Wanderer's Song) on her accordion.

Karen Jacobsen, representing the Danish Society "Dania" presented a piano selection, 'Introduction and Fugato', by Harris.

There was no representative from the Swedish Lodge.

Both the judges and those in attendance were most impressed by our four lovely young ladies. The judges deliberated for over an hour in private before they were able to come to a decision.

The evening ended with the presentation of plaques to each of the judges in recognition of their contribution, and the serving of coffee.

Winner Not Named Until November 12

The winner and runner-up in the Contest were decided by the judges at the conclusion of the evening. However, the names were placed in an envelope to be revealed at Club Viking's Win-A-Lot Night on November 12th when the winner was crowned.

We are proud of all our girls, and thank them for their participation.

Gladys Clark and Astrid Hope were co-ordinators of the Queen Contest.

Our three well-chosen judges were: Esther Dixon, teacher in an Edmonton School; Heide-Marie Seeholtzer, with the Alberta Cultural Heritage Branch responsible for translations and interpreter services; and Ernie Poscente, Program Manager for Capital Cable T.V. (Cable 10).



MARLENE THORLAKSON
Scandinavian Centre Queen



CYNTHIA BERG
Runner-Up

Letter from Denmark

It is now almost 7 years since I left Edmonton after living there for 15 years — and it is about time that I told you how glad I am to receive the newspaper.

I was real surprised when I received the Scandinavian Centre News after I moved back to Denmark. A friend of mine in Edmonton told me later that he had contacted you to send it over here. I really thought it would be too expensive and would not blame you if your mailing list to shareholders was limited within Canada.

I was of course satisfied to live and work in Alberta, or wouldn't have stayed that long

— but I am also happy to be back here again. But I hope some day to make a trip to visit friends in Edmonton again. It is thanks to Scandinavian Centre Charter Flights that I kept in touch with my relatives here. Therefore, thank you very much to the Scandinavian Centre and the people who made it possible. Please let me know if you want more news from "an old immigrant".

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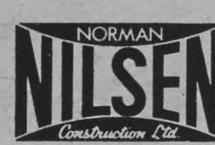
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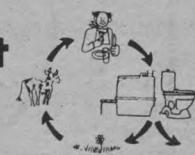


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You Will Need—

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1 1/4 cups sugar
1 tsp. creme of tartar
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tbspn. milk
1 egg, beaten
4 1/2 cups flour
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. ginger

Boil syrup and butter, then add sugar. Mix creme of tartar and soda with milk, and add to syrup. Add beaten egg. Mix spices with flour and combine with syrup.

Place in refrigerator overnight. Roll very thin and cut in diamond shape. Add sliced almond for decoration.

Bake at 350 deg. F. on a greased cookie sheet for 5 - 7 minutes.

These can be frozen.

KLEJNER

You Will Need—

1 1/2 cups butter
1 cup sugar
1/2 lemon—juice and rind
4 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup whipping cream
Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, lemon juice and rind. Add dry ingredients alternately with cream.

Roll out thin and cut in long diamond shape. Make a slit lengthwise in the middle and

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Leave overnight in a cool place. Deep-fry in lard until golden-brown.

These keep best in airtight containers. Do not freeze.

The following recipes came from around Eidsaa (my late father's birthplace.)

—Astrid Hope

SUNNMØRE LEFSER

You Will Need—

1 Litre söt melk, kokes op sammen med
100 gr. margarine
2 S.S. sukker
Slaa melken over
1 1/2 kg. kvidemel
Arbed det lit sammen. Det blin ein ca .30-35 st. til smøring
røres smor og sukker kvit, lit kanel er godt a have i 1 1/2 kg.
smor og 750 gr. sukker til smøring.

(Refer to page 89 in Sons of Norway cook book "Scandinavian Recipes" for a similar recipe in English.)

GOMA

You Will Need—

6 litres sweet milk,
cooked with
1 litre sour milk
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup syrup
Mix together eggs and syrup.
Add slowly to milk, and cook until a reddish colour. Then add 2 handfuls of raisins and a few anise seeds to taste.

Chicken with flour, milk and sugar to taste.
Serve with lefse.

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and raffle, which was held on October 29th, was a huge success. The winner of the quilt raffle was Mrs. Dave (Audrey) Krischke of Leduc. The lucky ticket was drawn by senior citizen, Selma Hoffman.

Hilda Modin of Calmar accompanied the Maxwell's of Edmonton on a flight to Mesa, Arizona, for 12 days to visit their sister and brother-in-law, the C.K. Frenchs.

On behalf of the Buford Vasa Lodge I send sincere greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

by Gertie Holmgren

The regular November meeting was held in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre on November 5th with Chairman Ray Nyroos in the chair.

Those members reported sick were Gust Bostrom, Alma Samuelson who is in the Royal Alex Hospital, and Linnea Christensen. Nels Sorensen had been ill but is now at home. Millie Weiss was in the Royal Alex Hospital for surgery on her eye. Ken McEvoy is laid up with a back-ache. We hope these persons will soon be well.

The charter was draped in memory of Brother Helmer Dahlseide who passed away on October 19, 1977. Brother Dahlseide was born May 19, 1919, and joined our order on May 3, 1975. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Jenny, and family.

There was a long discussion on Vasa Park, and a vote of thanks was extended to Brother and Sister Granath for the gift of stationery to the lodge.

The Lucia Pageant will be held on December 18th when the members of the pageant will visit several hospitals and other places in Edmonton, and perhaps Edmonton Centre on the 17th. The group will finish the day at the Scandinavian Centre where there will be a pot-luck supper.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 3rd in the



Dania Room at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Smorgasbord—

Our annual smorgasbord was held on October 29th and was quite successful. The attendance was not as large as in former years, but was enjoyed by all those who did attend. Entertainment was by The Romanian Dancers, and later a dance with music supplied by Wally Hepner was enjoyed by all those present.

Travellers—

Grace and Floyd Maxwell and their sons, Roy and Keith, and a friend, Pat Collins, as well as Hilda Modin, travelled to Mesa, Arizona, visiting Keith and Lillian French. They rented a mobile home for the 11 days of their stay and enjoyed all the health facilities available.

On the way home they saw Bob Hope at the airport at Phoenix. Grace said she could have touched him but didn't dare because of the security man.

Wedding—

Glen Knutson and Leslie Kokatila were united in marriage on October 7th in Trinity United Church. Reception was held at the Mayfield Inn.

The bride is the daughter of Stevie and John Kokatila, and the groom is the son of Clarence and Joan Knutson, all of Edmonton.

Congratulations—

To Debbie McRae and Gary Ferguson on their recent engagement.

The Christmas Season is fast approaching, and I'd like to wish you, my readers and my friends, the very best Holiday Season ever.

Hope to see you at Jul Ota on Christmas morning.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Shirley Sigurdson

Well, news has picked up a bit this month!

The Annual General Meeting was held Sunday afternoon, November 6th. As usual, the turnout was disappointing, but it was a rousing good meeting with snappy reports and some good suggestions for increasing interest in Society activities among our members.

The Board of Directors will entertain any feasible suggestions from the membership regarding any activity they might like to see tried by the Society. Come on, members, let the directors know whether you want bridge nights, whist drives, bingo, dances, square dances, wine and cheese parties, films, picnics or whatever! We've got to get our members participating and getting better acquainted! The Society is not lacking in money, so we can afford to do a few things they tell me.

By the way, as you see elsewhere in this paper, all activities other than cultural held in the Scandinavian Centre are charged for on a per-person basis, so please expect to pay a nominal charge for attending functions (your membership fee barely covers the cost of your paper subscription).

The General Meeting saw the same slate of officers reinstated for another year. Directors and Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

President — Barney Thorlakson
Vice-President — Freda Smith
Secretary — Shirley Lundberg
Treasurer — Gus Roland
Culture — Della Roland
Membership — Sam Thorkelson
Gunnar Thorvaldson

Metric tender calls

"The date of January 1, 1978 has been designated as Metric Day for the construction and building industry in Canada. Following this date in the Province of Alberta, all provincial government departments, boards and crown corporations will tender, whenever possible, building projects designed using SI metric units of measurement," said Alberta Minister of Housing and Public Works, W.J. Yurko.

The only exceptions made will be for projects with plans which are substantially complete, or, which are phases of projects already under way.

The new policy will conform to an agreement made in August 1976 by Provincial and Federal Ministers of Public Works, which calls for government support of the Construction Industry's plan to go metric January 1, 1978. Alberta passed the Metric Conversion Statutes Amendment Act 1976 in November of that year.

Design plans from January 1 will conform to the requirements of the National Research Council of Canada publication, "Manual on Metric Building Drawing Practice".

The conversion to metric measurement in design and construction follows years of preparatory work and planning in industry, government and business.

Sick & Visiting — Lucille Oddson
Entertainment — Ron Sigurdson
Ladies' Auxiliary — Freda Smith
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Heritage Day Committee — Sam Thorkelson
Appointed Auditors — Bill Peterson
Leif Oddson
News Correspondent — Shirley Sigurdson

The consensus of opinion at the meeting was that lack of interest and falling membership has been due, at least in part, to poor communication within the Society. The directors and others have committed themselves to improving communications in the future.

No time for Christmas baking? Gwen Bjarnason, 939-3615, will bake Vinar Tertas for you. She charges \$5.00 each, 50 cents extra for frosting. Get your order in early!

Leonie and David Hagan are proud parents of 9-lb. Garrett David (a brother for Brent). Grandparents are Lucille and Leif Oddson. Dad David is presently attending a course at R.C.M.P. Headquarters in Regina so the Oddson household is entertaining the diaper set.

President Barney tells me

Scanapades '78 - matinee?

This year we are considering holding a Matinee performance and lunch on Saturday afternoon, February 4th, for Senior Citizens, handicapped members, and students ages 12-16 only.

Tickets for this matinee will be \$2.50 per person, and transportation for any Senior Citizen or handicapped person who requires it will be provided.

Before we can make a definite decision, we must know how many people are interested in attending such a matinee. If you would like to come to such a matinee, please complete the form below and mail it as directed. We must receive this form no later than December 21st. *We are sorry, but we cannot accept telephone calls*, since this would result in too much confusion.

If we find that there is sufficient demand, an afternoon performance will be presented. All final details will appear in the January issue of the Scandinavian Centre News.

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Congratulations to Marlene Thorlakson, Scandinavian Centre Queen, crowned November 12th by outgoing Queen, Marian Aranson, also a member of our Society. Marlene is the daughter of Barney and Jean Thorlakson. She is Girl Friday for a busy car-rental agency downtown, Host-Rent-A-Car.

The December issue of Alberta's Western Living magazine will feature an article on Icelandic Christmas food and customs.

Our Culture Chairperson, Della Roland, attended a Cultural Heritage Council Conference in Camrose November 18, 19 and 20; the topic was language and literature.

Keep these dates open on your calendar—

December 11 — 2:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party

Scandinavian Centre

March 5 —

Thorrablot

Scandinavian Centre

(more about this later)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

GLEDILEG JOL OG

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Guest Editorial

As an interested shareholder in the Scandinavian Centre, I attended the Club Viking's Win-A-Lot Night at the Centre on Saturday, November 12th. It was one of the most entertaining evenings I have spent at the Centre, and everyone there enjoyed it immensely.

During the course of the evening I noticed that all but one of the Board of Directors of the Club Viking were in attendance, and that one was out of the City on business. However, on looking around I discovered that the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre were represented by a grand total of four. Where were the other six? This was the first major fund-raising event that has taken place in connection with the Centre since the share-sales campaigns of many years ago, and I was disappointed to see so few of those people who should be most interested and supportive.

Having taken an active interest in this campaign, I was necessarily in contact with the President of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre, and Vice-President of the Scandinavian Club Viking — both offices are filled by Per Nielsen. I think it is time that someone told our shareholders something about what Per Nielsen is, and has been, contributing to their Centre. He is a dynamo of enthusiasm and concern. He has spent countless hours in the day-to-day operation, striving to improve systems and procedures, taking this time (and thus sacrificing personal income) from his own business. He has spent endless evenings and weekend hours in meetings of various kinds in the interest of the Centre; in being present at the Centre to keep a check on functions; and in attending affairs as our representative. We are most fortunate in having this kind of man on our Board of Directors.

Viking women's fashions

by Russell A. Bakken —
Glendale, California

From the time of the early invasions of the English coast (late 8th and early 9th centuries) the booty brought home to Norway affected the economy, and the current English clothing styles influenced those of the Norwegian women.

Most Norwegian cloth was made by the women and their servants at home. First the yarn was spun using a distaff and spinning whorl of bone or pottery. The only known loom at the time had a long history of use. This loom had a vertical-warp with a row of soapstone or baked clay warp-weights hanging across the bottom. The weaver stood up and could move about while making the cloth. The weaving started at the top of the loom. This work was all done in a separate building called the dyngja or skemma.

Since most Norwegian households owned at least a few sheep, the most common cloth was a coarsely woven wool called wadmel. There was also weaving of finer cloths; pieces with as many as 125 threads per inch have been found in graves.

Colours

Needles of this time were made of bronze or silver; shears were of iron or bronze. The cutting was done without a pattern since most clothing fit loosely; exact fitting was unnecessary.

The natural sheep colours of white, brown, or gray and combination strips of these three were the predominant colours worn.

White wadmel was the distinctive "slave colour", and therefore avoided by the free-born. Everyday clothes were mostly gray, but for dressier occasions the popular colours were blue, red, scarlet, green and purple.

Barks of trees, weeds, and flowers produced the blue, yellow, black, green, and a dis-

tinctive brown.

For more interesting effects, the yarns were dyed first and then woven into stripes and checks. Some of the more intricate weaving had raised designs in different colours, or had hair woven between the threads in an over-and-under method, producing a plush-like fabric.

Linen, which cost three to four times the price of wool, was both imported (from Ireland) and made locally. Very few Norwegian women could afford cotton, since it had to be imported from the Orient, but the brocades were domestically produced. As trade increased, and Viking ships visited countries farther from home, a whole new range of colours and weaves became available to the women who could pay the prices.

As mentioned before, slaves wore plain garments of coarse white wadmel; their caps were usually of undressed sheepskin.

The poor wore homespun underclothes; these also served as their night clothes. Other women slept in nightshirts (nattersk).

Styles

Norwegian Viking women, regardless of social strata, wore the tunic or kirtle made in one piece. This came in several variations: narrow or wide, cut high or low at the neck, and short or long sleeves. A belt of matching cloth covered with hand embroidery in bright colours pulled this garment in at the waist. On dress occasions the belt was of gold or silver links. A small bag of trinkets and a bunch of keys hung from the belt of a married woman. No trace of belt buckles has been found in graves of this era. Buttons, hooks, or laces were not used at this time either.

A full skirt and separate bodice were substituted for the kirtle at times. Carvings of this

period show women wearing robes that fell straight to the shoes in front, with the back longer, pleated, and trailing.

A low cut dress had a kerchief of fine wool, linen, or silk worn around the shoulders. A popular border of a band, ribbon, or a kind of lace was called a *hlad*.

Women wore caps or kerchiefs of linen or wool when at home. They could either be plain or covered with rich embroidery.

When travelling in cold weather, a hood or cap of fur or wool was needed for warmth. Sagas mentioned knee length leggings worn by women in winter. Gloves were of wool or skin, with fur lining for extreme cold. Women's stockings were of knit wool; the shoes were of a moccasin style. These were cut well above the ankle and made from one piece of leather. Colourful embroidery and tassels brightened up the dress shoes.

A woman's coat was usually the finest piece of clothing she owned; it was most often of red or blue material with intricate ornamentation. Jewels, along with embroidery of gold and silver threads, produced a look of luxury. Edgings of metal and fringes of fur helped produce a look of elegance. The woman who could afford the Sybaritic look wore a cape made completely of fine fur.

The hood-cloak was called the *kapa*; if it was reversible with two different colours, it was called a *feld*.

A sleeveless coat or cape was held in place with a large brooch on the chest. The brooch was the most common dress ornament—even the poor wore them. Jewellery

Shoulder brooches were convex and elliptic, with lengths of four to five inches. The inside of the brooch was a concave shell hiding a large safety pin. Two of these shoulder brooches connected the kirtle's bib front to the bands coming over the shoulders from the back. A popular style had nine silver knobs and silver wire along the edge. A third brooch, worn in the middle of the chest, was either long, square, three-lobed, or round.

A high percentage of Viking jewellery had zoomorphic abstract ornamentation. Heads, limbs and tails were woven and interlaced with each other. Shapes were curved, lengthened, shortened, and re-fashioned to suit the needs and to best fit the space. This Daedalian style was influenced by the Franks and the Irish.

The two brooches worn in front near the shoulders were often connected by festoons of either silver chains or beads. A brooch on the right side had a small chain or chains hanging down with keys, comb, scissors, ear spoon, needles, and possibly a small purse fastened to the ends.

Archaeologists refer to the two shoulder pins as "tortoise brooches" because of the basic shape and sectioning of the surface. Women's brooches and other jewellery became rather coarse near the end of the Viking age.

Earrings were worn by some, but not all, women.

Collars of one piece of metal or at times links of gold or silver were worn about the neck. During the Viking times silver was much more common than gold; most of it came from Arab mines. Coloured beads or amber (from the Baltic) were

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Accordian Players

by Olaf Sveen

A new Toralf Tollefson recording is now on the market — "Norske Folketoner og danser" (Norwegian Folktunes and Dances). It is on the EMI label No. C-062-37348. The record has all Norwegian music such as "Telemark Suite" by Sparre Olsen, and "Norsk Suite No. 1" by Tollefson. We also find regular dance-music such as "Sommerdag i Fredrikstad", his own composition.

A great Russian accordianist, Yuri Kasakov, was in Edmonton recently. He got fairly excited when I told him I knew Tollefson, so it is easy to see our fellow countryman has a great name in the accordian world. Kasakov also said he had played duets with Veikko Ahvenainen, the famous accordian virtuoso from Finland.

Another accordianist, Aage

Grundstad from Oslo, also has a new recording. It is called "Norwegian Folk and Figure Dances" and is on EMI label



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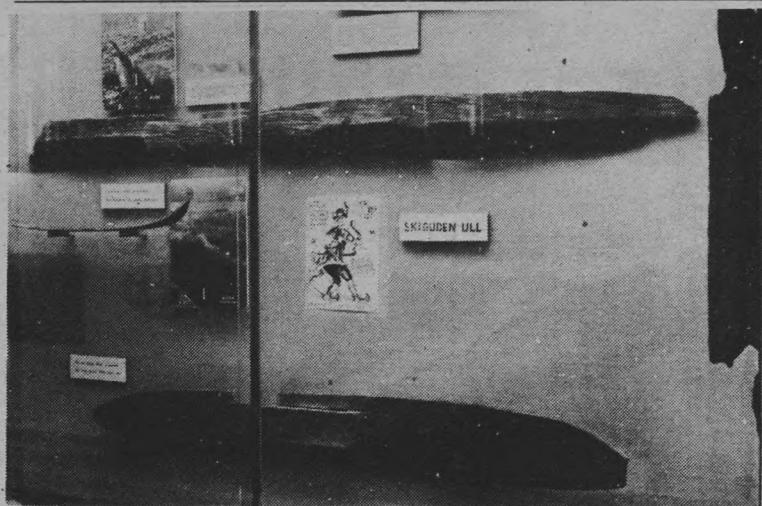
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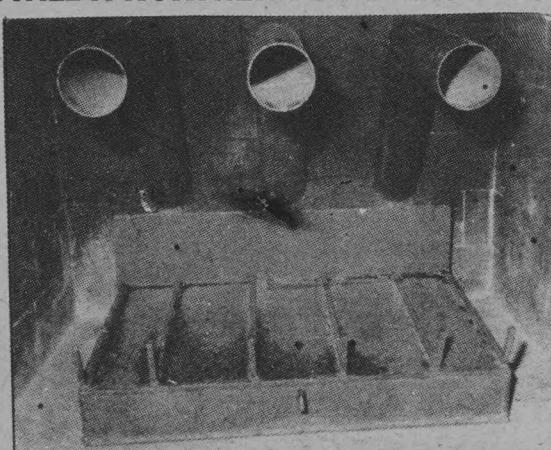
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Explorer honours Torske members

by Bob Burt

At Torske Klubben held at the Scandinavian Centre on November 1st, Inge Anderson introduced Dr. Helge Marcus Ingstad, explorer and writer from Oslo, Norway. His wife, archaeologist Anne Stines Ingstad (nee Moe), is working on new finds; she is assisted by Helge with his vast knowledge.

Dr. Ingstad returned to Canada in late October to receive an Honorary Doctorate at the University of Alberta. He lectured at Calgary, Lethbridge, and later Edmonton. At the University of Calgary on November 4th he was presented with an Honorary Dr. of Laws Degree.

This quiet, unassuming man

was born in Norway on December 30, 1899. He practised law from 1922 to 1925. Because he found it boring, he travelled to Canada, passing through Edmonton in 1926 en route to north-east Great Slave Lake in the North West Territories where he lived as a trapper for four years, spending one year with the Caribou Eaters.

On returning home he was appointed Governor of North East Greenland for 1932-33, then Governor of Spitsbergen (Svalbard) for 1933-35.

Itchy feet then took him to the Sierra Madre Mountains in Mexico to study the Apache Indians (1936-38). Still not satisfied, he went off to study the Nunamiat Eskimos in the Brooks Range, Northern Alaska (1949-50). On these and his later exploits he took pictures and wrote articles for the National Geographic. In 1953 he went

on an expedition with his wife to West Greenland to study old Norse settlements.

Interest turned to an archaeological expedition in North America where, at L'Anse Aux Meadows on the northern tip of



Dr. Helge Marcus Ingstad

Newfoundland, a Norse Pre-Columbian site was discovered (1960-68). Leif Ericson's party had landed there, settled, and formed a community. Finding this site in 1961, artifacts and excavations offered final and absolute proof that Norwegians had occupied America as early as the year 992.

Far from finished, he travelled to eastern Baffin Island in 1970 to locate "Helluland" of the Vinland Sagas.

Dr. Ingstad has received numerous awards:

- * The Franklin L. Burr Award (National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.) 1964
- * Fridtjof Nansen Award, University of Oslo, 1965
- * The Wahlberg Award, Swedish Society for Anthropology and Geography, 1968
- * Honourary Doctor of Science, Saint Olaf College, Minnesota, 1965
- * Honourary Doctor of Science, Memorial University, St. Johns, Newfoundland, 1969
- * Honourary Doctor of Science, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, 1975
- * Honourary Doctor of Science, Oslo University, Norway, 1975
- * Honourary Doctor of Laws, University of Calgary, Alberta, 1977
- * Commander of the Royal Order of St. Olav, Norway, 1970

He is the author of twelve books:

Land of Feast and Famine, 1931
East of the Great Glacier, 1935
Search for the Lost Tribe (Apache Indians), 1939
Klondyke Bill, 1945

Play, 1946
The Land with the Gold Coasts, Nunamiat, 1948

Among Alaska's Inland Eskimos, 1951
Land Under the Polar Star, 1959

Vinland Ruins Prove Vikings Found the New World, National Geographic, 1964

Westward to Vinland, 1965
(deals with the discovery at L'Anse Aux Meadows)

Norse Explorers - Norse Sites at L'Anse Aux Meadows, The Quest for America, London, 1971

The Discovery of a Norse Settlement in North America, 1977
(written by his wife)

THE MONOLITH SKI RACE in Oslo is an international 15-km cross-country ski race in Frogner Park, right in the very heart of Norway's winter sports capital. It will take place on January 8, 1978. Frogner Park is famous for the great display of sculptures by Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943), whose giant monolith is the centerpiece in the park.

Ole's boss told him just the other day, "You hammer those nails like lightning!"

"You mean I'm fast," said Ole

"No, I mean you never strike twice in the same place!"

Our Annual New Year's Party will be held on January 7, 1978, at 7:00 p.m. in the Viking Room. As in the past, only a limited number of tickets is available, so we urge you to order yours early to prevent disappointment.

Menu — "Sild and Smørrebrød", and music by the famous and well-known band, 'The Sound Merchants'.

Cost of tickets — \$12.00 per person for members and \$15.00 per person for non-members. Coffee and cake included in the ticket price.

Tickets available from Vera Nielsen, Lili Nielsen, and also 111th Avenue Shell Service Station (Aage Frandsen), 149 Street and 111 Avenue.

The Board of Directors wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Cultural Heritage Council conference

by Linnea Lodge

A General Council Meeting of the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council was held on September 16, 17 and 18, 1977 at the University of Lethbridge. The theme was the Japanese Canadian Centennial which recognizes 100 years since the first Japanese settler arrived in Canada. There has been a small but distinct group of Canadians who have been part of the mosaic of contemporary Alberta Society. This group is Canadian with Japanese ancestry. Although they number only about 5,000, their presence is noticeable both by their physical characteristics and by the unusual spelling of their names. Despite a conscious effort by these individuals to meld into the general scene, they have remained very visible, and their ethnicity has survived, and in some cases flourished. At the Conference in Lethbridge a panel was presented on the Japanese Canadian experience, with participants of varying backgrounds as well as points of view. They attempted to present their experiences and justifications of their attitudes towards ethnicity.

Takeo Yamashiro — new immigrant, musician, social worker in Settlement House.

He finds the family system different. In Japan the parents, and grandparents are all part of the family and live in the same house, whereas in Canada the senior citizen lives alone and living conditions are not always good.

He is looking for independence, how he can fit into the Canadian society and make use of his experience.

He has majored in English and Japanese literature, has taken accounting courses, computer and engineering courses and also spent some time in a monastery studying music. Although most Japanese families support their children morally and financially until about the age of 22, Takeo seems to be a typical student who is still trying to decide what he would like to do.

Dr. Jim Oshiro — former president of the Alberta Medical Association, former Chancellor of the University of Lethbridge.

He came from Ontario where he was the only Japanese in his town; consequently he cannot speak the language and understands only a little even though his mother tried to teach him as a child. His is an inter-racial marriage, which would make it even more difficult to retain the language of his mother tongue.

After five years serving in the Armed Forces during the Second World War, he studied at the University of Manitoba and obtained his medical degree.

Dr. Oshiro stated that during the period immediately after the war the Japanese Community had to decide how they were going to settle — in ghettos, assimilate, or integrate.

Laurel Fujimagi — political science student at the University of Lethbridge.

She is interested in the use and abuse of power — who has freedom and who passes it around; the inter-racial problems in South Africa, and why Japan is not involved in politics.

She feels being Japanese is just as much a part of herself as being left-handed. Early in life her family encouraged her with her education, saying that one should be educated in order to be a respected person.

Dr. Henry Shimizu — Chairman of the panel discussion.

In his summation Dr. Shimizu said that the parents impressed on their children that education would give them the standard of living that they would not otherwise have.

Horst Schmid Speaks

During the lunch hour a film presentation was made of 1977 Heritage Day in Calgary.

Hon. Horst A. Schmid, Minister, spoke to Council Members

in the afternoon. Among other remarks he indicated that it would be more useful if the Federal Government were to use a different method of recording ethnic backgrounds; when the census is taken many citizens naturally say they are Canadian. Council is made up of members based on the percentage of each ethnic group.

Moods of Man Workshop

This is a group of three which collate their experience to fulfill man's instinct to relate in song and music his history and moods from cradle to grave.

The trio consisted of Harry Aoki, Kathleen Bjorseth and Elmer Gill, all from the Vancouver area. The arranger, Harry

Aoki, said that a musician should be encouraged to concert level to share with everybody — actually look into other cultures and use this to find yourself.

All Council Members visited the Japanese Gardens before returning to the University for a banquet. Later some invited guests joined the group to hear a concert by the Moods of Man trio. This program started with nursery rhymes and ended with 'Take the A Train' and how jazz was introduced.

Sunday morning each Council Member took part in one committee meeting. Arts and Media was convened by Dr. Henry Shimizu, Language and Education by Dr. J. Buski, and Immigration and Human Rights by

Dennis Murphy. President Ted Van Eeken handled the plenary session which was the last item of business. Della Roland was the only other member from the Scandinavian Centre in attendance. Next Council meeting will be in Camrose in November.

VIKING SKI RACE: The Birkebeiner cross-country ski race follows the historical Viking trail from 1206, when two Vikings saved the two-year-old king's son, Haakon Haakonsson, from falling into enemy hands by carrying him on skis. The ski race from Lillehammer to Rena is 50 km long and will take place on March 19, 1978.

"I hear there's been some changes in Unemployment Insurance. What's the story?"

New legislation has changed some of the ground rules of our UI program.

In general, the rules of eligibility and payment have been improved. Now they more accurately reflect the ease or difficulty of finding and keeping a job in the region in which each UI claimant lives.

Parliament has decided that people who live in areas of high unemployment will be given certain advantages over those who live where jobs are more plentiful.

"That's all well and good. But what does it mean to the person who just lost a job?"

On December 4, the entrance requirements will change.

In regions of low unemployment, claimants will need up to 14 weeks of insurable employment to get UI benefits. This will only happen in places where it's easier to get and keep a job.

In regions of high unemployment, claimants will need as little as ten weeks to qualify.

But until December 4, the entrance requirement remains at eight weeks wherever you live.

"Does all this affect the waiting period?"

No. The basic two week waiting period remains the same everywhere.

And so do the rules on the waiting period when a claimant has left his or her job for no good reason or been fired for misconduct. In such cases, a claimant may have to wait up to eight weeks from when employment ends until benefits become payable.

"And how long can you get benefits for?"

The old maximum was 51 weeks. The new maximum is 50 weeks.

But since September 11, the total number of weeks for which a claimant qualifies also reflects the unemployment rate in his or her region.

Right now, we measure unemployment by dividing Canada into 16 economic regions. Later, in 1978, we will fine-tune the program to 54 regions so that UI will be more closely related to local labour market conditions.

"Do you still get the same amount of money?"

Absolutely. The UI benefit rate is two-thirds of your average weekly insurable earnings.

The maximum is \$147, less tax.

"Then there's maternity, sickness and age 65 benefits. Any changes there?"

Sickness benefits were only payable during the first 39 weeks of the claim. Now they are payable at any time during the entire benefit period.

Maternity benefits of 15 weeks and the special one-time benefit (equal to three weeks' benefits) at age 65 remain the same.

The same people will still pay for the program in the same proportions, and the types of employment insurable for UI remain the same, too.

"Do I still go to the same UI office?"

Yes. Until UI offices and Canada Manpower Centres move in together, no changes will be made.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Department of Manpower and Immigration have become the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. For a time, you'll still see our local offices identified as Unemployment Insurance offices or Canada Manpower Centres. When they're together in one location, they'll be called Canada Employment Centres.

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Medieval your taste? Copenhagen's the place

For those with a taste for the medieval in dining atmosphere, Copenhagen has the perfect place to eat, according to Scandinavian Airlines.

There are very few medieval cellars in Northern Europe, but one with flair and great food is a sixteenth century monastery converted restaurant named "Saint Gertrud" located in the centre of Copenhagen.

The atmosphere is breathtaking as you enter and wind your way down the cool, neatly barren, circular stone stairs with black iron handgrips bolted into the wall, lighted by flickering candles in black wrought iron holders. Or maybe you prefer to pause in the cocktail bar, decorated in the old Danish West Indian colonial style, with its heavily carved wooden staircase leading to the bottom.

Once at the bottom, you have to pause to catch your breath and savour the spellbinding scene. It's as if you've just stepped back a few centuries with the blink of an eye. Neatly cut stone molded to the shapes of corridors and rooms greets you from every direction.

Two hundred candles in appropriately-designed holders are the only source of lighting. Arched ceilings, small caves and narrow passages soon disorient you so that you forget you're below the streets of the Danish capital.

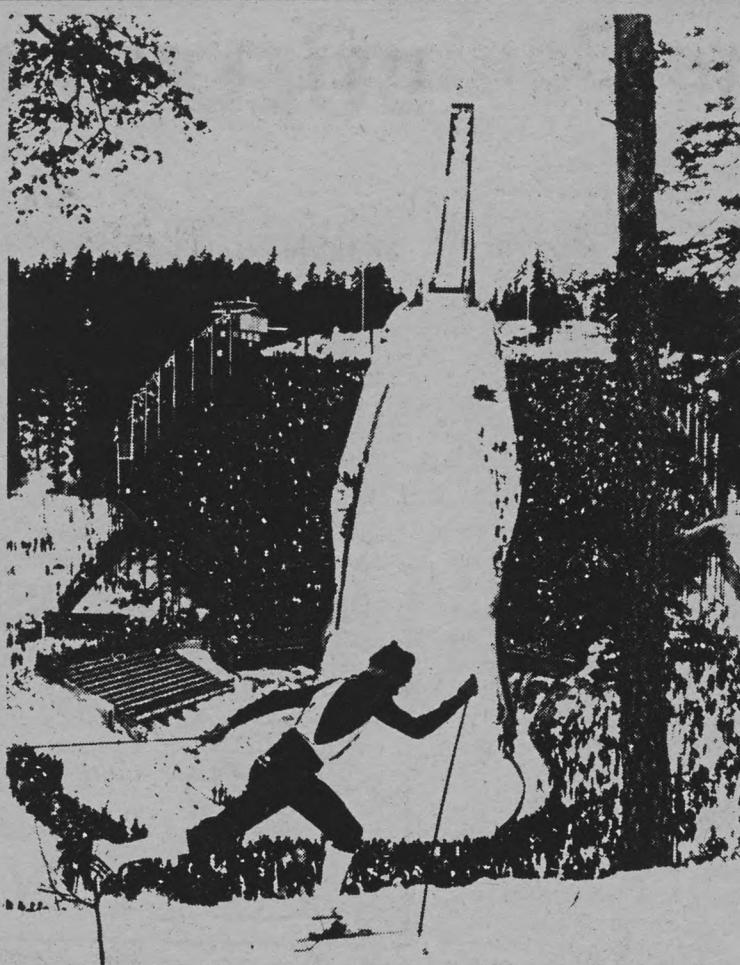
The furnishings, which include wooden hand-finished tables, leather and print material chairs and lounges, candlelit stained glass windows and many lion-headed statues and cornices, are exactly suited to a time period befitting the setting.

From one cave wafts the aroma of steaks cooking on an open birchwood fire. As you draw closer, you begin to hear the crackling of flames and sizzling of meat. Then you arrive at the cave's opening and see white-capped and aproned chefs busily preparing the nightly meals. The steaks and roast are neatly fitted on the open fire and spits. The preparation table is filled with eye-tempting colourful delicacies such as broiled lobsters on lettuce beds, giant salads and neatly stacked golden brown fowl.

Now you've arrived at your table already set with pewter plates and glistening wine glasses. At one end is a bottle of red wine with the candlelight flickering and dancing in reflection from the glass surface.

The best is yet to come as the waiter presents the menu. Some of the dishes offered include: Coquilles St. Jacques (scallops, lobster, small onions and mushrooms steamed in white wine and gratinated and served in the shell) about \$7.00; Grilled salmon (salmon cutlets grilled on wood and served with baked potatoes, spinach "en branche" and a spicy tartar sauce) about \$9.00; Prime Rib of Beef (served with vegetables of the day, baked potatoes, grilled tomato and water cress with a choice of Bordelaise or Bearnaise sauce) about \$10.50.

Down one corridor and up to the first floor is a large library with dark wooden paneled walls, decorated with Chesterfield furniture, a fireplace, bar and bookcases lined with thousands of books. Here one can sip a before dinner cocktail or after dinner coffee or digestif in a relaxing manner while quietly surrounded by baroque music.



The "Holmenkollen Day" in Oslo, Norway, is the world's biggest ski meet, held annually in March

Who Knows?

Club Viking's annual meeting will take place at the Scandinavian Centre on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, at 8:00 p.m.

We must get this club moving and make some definite plans for the future. This is the vehicle through which we will form a genuine family social club, hopefully with many and varied activities. A few people cannot do it alone — the more members we have the more quickly we will be able to initiate programs and enjoy our membership.

We need to know your interests and what you hope to see established as regular club activities. And remember — we need to have these things planned well ahead so that before a new Centre is built our requirements will be taken into consideration!

If you are not already a member, phone Membership Chairman, Lili Nielsen, at 435-5655, or complete the application form in this paper and mail it to her for your 1978 membership.

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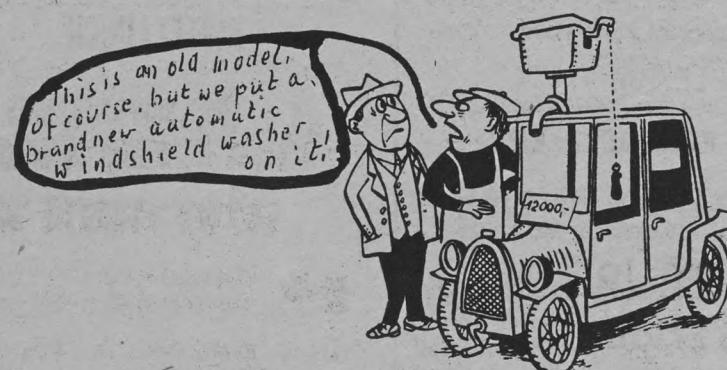
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In this month of Christmas festivities we invite all friends of Ansgar to make certain that they make room in their schedules so that they may come and worship the Saviour with us. In our society of tinsel and ribbons and wrapping paper it is so easy for the true meaning of the Christmas season to get pushed aside, if not obliterated entirely, by our material excesses. Therefore we strongly suggest that you give this year's celebrations that extra plus which will stay with you long after the decorations have hit the garbage can by coming to Church to give your thanks and praise to God for the greatest gift ever given to mankind — a Saviour from sin, from fear, from loneliness and despair. *For this is a gift that will never wear out.* The more it is used, the more precious it becomes. Therefore this Christmas give yourself a treat rather than just the usual treatment!

Special December Events

At Ansgar there are some special December events planned. The first one will be on Sunday the 11th at 11:00 a.m., when the members of our Youth Group will conduct the entire Service. Come out then for a 'different' kind of Service. The 'loose offering' (that is, that part of the offering which is not in envelopes) will be given to a rather new project for Youth here in the city. Did you know that in our own city there are at least some 3,000 primary school kids who come to class every day without breakfast? It is not because they have over-slept and missed breakfast. No, it is because they come from homes where there just isn't any food

for breakfast! And an empty stomach is not conducive to good study habits. Therefore the Edmonton City Centre Churches Corp., together with the Public School Board, is providing a 'Nutritive Snack' at school for these kids. And for every 25 cents which we contribute, another youngster will receive a snack. And really, to most of us, how much is a quarter?? But for some unfortunate youngster it could mean the difference between a good day and a painful day. We therefore encourage all in attendance at our Special Youth Service on December 11th to bear in mind that this is a Service not only by our youth, but also for the youth of our city.

December 14th at 8:00 p.m. is the date when the Ladies' Aid will be joining forces with all members of the 60 and Over Club for a joint Christmas party. If any of our readers have some special contributions which they would like to make to the program, be it singing, music, or whatever, please get in touch with the program chairperson, Karen Jensen, at 476-6475. She will be happy to hear from you. Rather than exchanging gifts, as has sometimes been done, we will be receiving an offering for the Nutritive Snack Program. Do plan to come, and bring a friend.

Ansgar's Annual Christmas Party for the whole congregation will be held on Friday, December 30th at 8:00 p.m. in the Church Parlours. There will be games for the kids, as well as the traditional singing around the

tree. And of course there will be pop and other treats for the kids, as well as coffee for the adults. Each family is asked to bring a plate of something to accompany the coffee so that when we are sitting and visiting over coffee we will be able to sample one another's Christmas baking.

At this function too, we will see how many quarters we can contribute to the Nutritive Snack project. Do plan to come for an evening of warmth and good fellowship.

Then to all of our readers and our many friends and acquaintances, from Ansgar we send out our wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Christ-centered New Year.

School bus inspections

Monitoring of the safety inspections of Alberta school buses is being stepped up according to Dr. Hugh M. Horner, minister of transportation.

Under the Public Service Vehicles Act school bus mechanical safety inspections must be carried out semi-annually. The inspection is to be carried out by licensed auto mechanics or service garages.

"Representatives of the Transportation Safety Branch will be doing the monitoring," said Dr. Horner.

He emphasized that the stepped-up monitoring is part of an overall Alberta Transportation program of increased transportation safety measures.

Sunnmøre

by Astrid Hope,
Cultural Director —
Sons of Norway

Sunnmøre is in the Northwestern part of Norway. It is a district south and west of the city of Ålesund, and north of the Nordfjord. It is composed of a myriad of little islands and peninsulas. Nobody lives very far from water, let alone the North Sea, so fish and fishing is one of the most important foods and occupations of that area and has been a lifestyle from generation to generation. Ålesund, the biggest city of that area, is considered the shrimp capital of Norway. This area is very mountainous, and the mountains remain white-capped year round. This is the home of the Sunnmøre Alps.

Sunnmøre Museum in Ålesund has a collection of boats going back to the 7th Century.

Another interesting note: Rollo, founder of Normandy and ancestor of William the Conqueror (in British history) is one of the many saga figures who came from Sunnmøre. In a park you will see his statue, a gift to Ålesund from Normandy and a replica of the statue is also in a French town.

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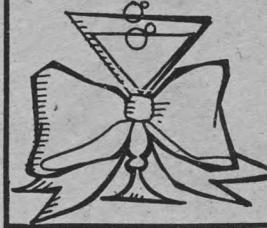
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